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Remarks/Arguments

Prior to this amendment Claims 13-18 and 29-37 were pending. New claims 38-51 are submitted herewith. Support for claims 38 and 39 is found in claim 13 as filed, at p. 6, lines 9-35 and in the figures as filed. Support for new claim 40 is found in claim 13 as filed, at p. 6, lines 9-35, in particular lines 16-23, and in the figures as filed. Support for claim 41 is found throughout the specification, in the claims and in the figures as filed. Support for claims 42 and 43 is found at p. 8, lines 15-20. Support for claims 44 and 45 is found at p. 8, line 35 to p. 9 line 2. Support for claims 46-47 is found throughout the specification and figures and in claims 15 and 16 as filed. Support for claim 48 is found in claim 18 as filed as well as in throughout the specification as filed. Support for claim 49 is found throughout the specification and figures and in claim 7, for example, as filed. Support for claim 50 is found at p. 10, lines 11-21 as filed. Support for claim 51 is found, for example at p. 23, line 36 and at p. 24, line 30. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by way of this amendment.

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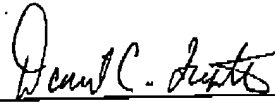
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn, and submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such is solicited. If, upon review, the Examiner feels there are additional outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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